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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC

SUBJECT : Translation of Article Revealing Finnish Communist Plans to Use Eastern Trade for Political Purposes

1. Attached for information of the EDAC community is a literal translation of portions of a statement reportedly made by Ville Pessi, Secretary-General of the Finnish Communist Party at a secret conference of Nordic Communists on 21 March 1953 in Oslo. This statement appeared in an article in the Finnish newspaper Uusi Suomi of 6 March 1954. The newspaper <sup>(attributed to)</sup> said the report ~~was~~ based on reliable sources, but no further indication of <sup>its</sup> the validity and accuracy of ~~the Pessi statement~~ is available. An article in The American Legion Magazine of September 1954 by Victor Lasky entitled "Russia's Golden Bullet" quoted portions of this newspaper article.

2. This translation is brought to the attention of the EDAC as further evidence of the manner in which the Communists intend to exploit East-West trade for political purposes. Such information is directly relevant to the current study of Soviet trade tactics and, although transmitted under CONFIDENTIAL cover, may be used in EDAC public reports.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

Translation of Article - "The Communist Secret Plan for Seizing Power; What Ville Pessi Revealed Last Year in Oslo"

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